GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3403
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
PERMISSION FOR COFFEE PLANTATION IN ANDHRA PRADESH
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to grant permission for growing coffee in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. A proposal was submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for raising of coffee cultivation in 80,000 hectare of forest land in districts Narsipatnam, Paderu and Visakhapatnam.

(c) The Central Government has intimated the Andhra Pradesh Government that the proposal cannot be accepted because diversion of such a large extent of forest land for a non-forestry activity like coffee plantation would be against the interest of conservation of forests and its bio-diversity.